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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Akihisa HONGO et al.

Serial No. 10/786,110 : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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SUBSTRATE PLATING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975